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## AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)

Sir:

In response to discussions with the Patent Office, please enter this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a) to re-introduce re-numbered claims corresponding to allowable, former claims 1-7 and 9-16. The subject matter of former claims 8 and 17 is presented in allowed, pending claims 18 and 19.

(1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

(2) Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.